

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitation of claim 13. Accordingly, claim 13 has been cancelled.

Claims 2-7 and 9-12 have been amended consistent with the amendment to claim 1.

Claims 14 and 16 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 1 (as previously presented), respectively.

Claims 18 and 19 have been amended to correct their dependency, so that they now depend from claim 1, rather than claim 13.

No new matter has been added, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-7, 9-12 and 14-20 will be pending.

In Paragraph No. 6 of the Action, claims 1-7, 9-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as allegedly being anticipated by Kawasumi et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,810,734.

In Paragraph No. 7 of the Action, claims 11 and 13-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim. The Examiner indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

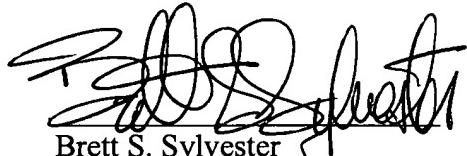
As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 13. Accordingly, claim 1 as amended is believed to be allowable. Claim 14 has been amended to be in independent form. Accordingly, claim 14 as amended is believed to be allowable. Dependent claims 2-7, 9-12 and 15-20 are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as the claims from which they depend.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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